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The United States District Court for the Southern District of California is pleased to announce the appointment of Bernard Skomal to be a Magistrate Judge, subject to approval of relevant background checks. Because the background checks ordinarily take several months to complete, the Court has not yet scheduled a swearing in ceremony.

Mr. Skomal is an honors graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. In 1983 he earned his law degree with honors from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, MA. Mr. Skomal was the Senior Trial Attorney with Federal Defenders of San Diego until 1989, when he opened his own law practice. Since then he has specialized in Federal criminal defense, and has been certified by the California State Bar as a Criminal Law Specialist.

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